

# Roan Mountain

## Sustainability Features

### Operational

Roan Mountain offers recycling of aluminum and plastic at various points in the park, while also recycling paper in the office. The park estimates that it is using about 90 percent energy efficient lighting when possible.

### Biological

Just outside of the park boundaries, visitors will find a unique biological community. On Carvers Gap, there are several endemic plants. Also, Carvers Gap is home to flying squirrels and home to nesting Northern Saw-Whet owls. To help provide habitat for wildlife, the park has reduced its mowing by nearly 10 acres.

### Community Involvement

For 50 years, Roan Mountain has hosted the Fall Naturalist Rally offers something for everyone, including hikes, bird-watching and night sky viewing led by Friends of Roan Mountain. Top naturalists share their knowledge of plants, birds, mushrooms, geology, stream ecology and many more activities.

## Moving Forward

### Energy Conservation

The Park continues to replace out of date technology with new, more efficient technology for water and electricity. The park is also evaluating letting additional acreage go back to native vegetation that will further reduce their mowing, protecting the environment as well as reducing operational expenses.

## Did you know?

The Overmountain men camped and marched through the park during the Revolutionary War. Also, the park is home to the historic Miller homestead.

## Park Highlights

- Located in Carter County
- Visited by over 760,000 people in 2011
- Over 12 miles of trails in park
- Rhododendron festival held in June

